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Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly decision 55/429 of 12 December 2000.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 9th and 10th meetings, on 19 and 26 October 2001. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/56/SR.9 and 10).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 14 August 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/226).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.6/56/L.5

5. At the 9th meeting, on 19 October, the representative of Sweden introduced a draft decision entitled "Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/56/L.5).

6. At its 10th meeting, on 29 October, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/55/L.5 without a vote (see para. 7).

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III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, decides to defer further consideration of and a decision on the request for observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly[1] to its fifty-seventh session.

[1] A/55/226.